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RE: Application No. 10/625,717
In re application of: Mark A. Toffle, et al.
Assignee: SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY LLC
Dkt. No.: STL10953

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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Mark A. Toffle, Xu Zuo, Brent M. Weichelt, and Louis J. Fioravanti**
Assignee: **SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY LLC**
Application No.: **10/625,717** Group No.: **2652**
Filed: **July 23, 2003** Examiner: **Brian Miller**
For: **SERVO TRACK WRITER WITH HELIUM BEARING**

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a)

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA					ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	21	- 21	= 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	3	- 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM							
			+ \$ 0.00	= \$			0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If an additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 06-0540.
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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10 /625,717 First Named Applicant: Mark A. Toffle
 Examiner: Brian Miller Art Unit: 2652 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Miller (2) Mitchell K. McCarthy

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: To be determined by Examiner Proposed Time: _____ (AM/PM)
 after consideration of amendment.

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

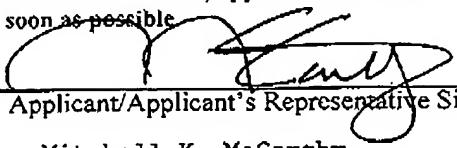
Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Frees '059/Watanabe '189</u> []	[]	[]	[]
(2) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Frees '059/Watanabe '189</u> []	[]	[]	[]
(3) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Frees '059/Watanabe '189</u> []	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
[] Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

References are wholly silent regarding the recited "gas-lubricated bearing" and thus no prima facie case of obviousness has been established.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.
NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.


 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Mitchell K. McCarthy
 Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, USPTO, Washington, DC 20591-0001. DATES: 07/31/2006. OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0651-0031.